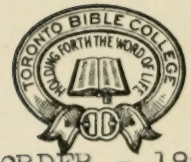

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The Thirteenth Session.

The present double number of the RECORDER contains the reports of the thirteenth session of the Toronto Bible Training School. It will be seen that the institution continues to prosper under the guidance and blessing of God. The past year is considered to have been one of the most successful in its history. We trust our friends will join us in thanksgiving for the blessings of the past, and in earnest prayer for the work of the future. We hope also that they will commend the School to others who may not know of the character and purpose of its work.

The Closing Exercises.

The Thirteenth Session of the School was brought to an end with the usual closing exercises on Friday, April 26th, 1907. In the morning the students met for their final devotional service. In the afternoon at 4 o'clock was held the Annual Meeting of the Board of Incorporation and the General Council, when the various reports of the year were presented and plans for the future work of the School were considered. At the close of this meeting the members present adjourned to the Reading Room, where, on the kind invitation of the President, they had dinner together.

The public meeting in the evening was attended by a large gathering of the friends of the School, which occupied every part of the Assembly Hall. The Rev. F. S. Weston conducted the opening devotional exercises; and the Chairman, Dr. Harris, gave a summary of the main features of the work of the session, referring especially to the increased interest in the Day Classes, and the good work done by the students in their mission study classes. The graduating class was represented on the programme by two of its members. Mr. Percival Loney gave an earnest address on the death of our Lord, representing it as "The Darkest Hour in History." Miss Flora J. Ray gave a very appropriate valedictory, in which she portrayed with true appreciation the real characteristics of the student life of the School. The Diplomas and Certificates were then presented as follows: Eleven students received Diplomas for having satisfactorily completed the two years' course in the Day Classes, viz.: Misses Annie Bartlett, Jennie Dale, Clara S. Domm, Sarah Haslett, Mary B. McCormick, Flora J. Ray, Emily M. Tyler, and Messrs. R. E. Jones, P. B. Loney, S. C. Rutledge and George Tester. Two former graduates, Miss M. G. Lesslie and Mr. H. L. Troyer, received special diplomas for an additional year of post-graduate study. Five students received certificates for the three years' course in the Evening Classes, viz.: Misses M. Jennings, M. I. McCauley, G. Smith and E. St. John, and Mr. Frank Westlake. A few farewell words were then spoken to these students by the Principal, who urged them "to follow on to know the Lord."

The two main addresses of the evening were delivered by the Rev. Dr. McTavish of Toronto, and the Rev. Joseph Sullivan of Brantford. Dr. McTavish made an earnest appeal for consecrated service, and Mr. Sullivan gave a stirring address on the importance of Bible study, and thus a most interesting meeting was brought to a close.

The one regret felt during the proceedings of the day was caused by the absence of the revered and beloved Dr. Stewart. As explained in another part of this paper, he had been taken ill just before the close of the session, and was unable to attend any of the meetings of this day. His presence was especially missed from the platform at the closing meeting, for every year since the beginning of the School he had presented the graduating class and addressed them in parting words of counsel.

Report of the Principal.

In reviewing the past session, the first note must be one of thanksgiving. For although the work has been carried on at some disadvantage on account of the illness and absence of the President for a great part of the time, yet it may be truly said that under the good hand of God the Bible Training School closes to-day a very successful year.

ENROLMENT AND ATTENDANCE.

The number of students enrolled during the year in the Day Classes was 66 (31 men and 35 women), representing 12 denominations. This number is the same as last year and indicates no increase. The average attendance, however, which is a truer test of the progress of the School, shows a marked advance. The daily attendance of students taking the regular course during the latter half of the session was larger than at any previous period in the history of the School.

The number enrolled in the three evening classes was 240 (73 men and 167

women), with an average attendance about the same as last year.

THE CLASS WORK: DAY CLASSES.

During the early part of the session, Dr. Harris taught the Book of Exodus, the First Epistle to the Corinthians, and Studies of the Holy Spirit, giving to each subject one class a week. Dr. Stewart taught four subjects throughout the year, about which he will give a personal report.

Besides this, classes were held once each week in Biblical Introduction (including the Canon and the Inspiration of the Scriptures, and the Geography of Palestine), in Studies of the Parables of our Lord, and in practical studies of Homiletics and methods of personal work; while every day throughout the session a class was conducted in the consecutive study of the Old Testament books. For part of the session additional classes were held for those who desired teaching in English and in New Testament Greek.

EVENING CLASSES.

The Evening students also have had a variety of subjects. In the early part of the session Dr. Harris took them through the main part of the Book of Exodus and into the study of the Holy Spirit, teaching twice each week; while Dr. Tracy of the University of Toronto gave a valuable series of lectures on the Principles of Teaching. In the latter part of the session Rev. Dr. McTavish and Rev. T. B. Hyde, who kindly undertook to supply Dr. Harris's classes during his absence, gave two interesting and profitable courses of study. Dr. McTavish lectured every Tuesday evening on the Life and Writings of the Apostle Paul, and Mr. Hyde every Thursday evening on the Holy Spirit. In addition to these classes, the evening students followed a course of studies in the Parables throughout the whole session, and a special course of Bible Outlines during the latter part of it.

The Friday evening class for Sunday School Teachers has been maintained with encouraging interest. For the past two years this class has been continued for a month after the close of the regular session of the School.

EXAMINATIONS.

The result of the examinations held on the regular class work that has thus been outlined has been very gratifying. It has shown that on the whole the students have been diligent and faithful in their studies. Dr. McTavish, in reporting on his work, says: "The results on the whole are good, indeed, the majority of the papers I consider excellent. There was generally an intelligent grasp of the subject, and the answers were clearly expressed."

SPECIAL CLASSES.

The class in vocal music has been carried on again under the leadership of Mr. A. T. Cringan, Mus. Bac., who reports that the students have done better work this year than ever before.

The generous help received from the doctors has been continued. Three medical courses of great value were given during the winter. Dr. E. F. Bowie lectured on "Diseases and their Treatment"; Dr. W. H. Howitt on "Tropical Medicine"; and Dr. E. Hooper on "Obstetrics" to a special class of women students. The importance of this instruction, especially for intending missionaries, cannot be overestimated; and the thanks of the School are due to our medical brethren who have so liberally given of their time for this purpose.

PUBLIC LECTURES.

In pursuance of the resolution adopted by the Council a year ago, two prominent Bible students were secured to deliver public lectures during the year. At the opening of the session in September, Mr. A. C. Gaebelein, of New York, gave two series of instructive expositions on the Book of Revelation and the Epistle to the Colossians. In January, the Rev. W. H. Frost, of Philadelphia, gave two addresses on the important and timely themes, the Deity of Christ and the Atonement, and two practical and impressive Bible Readings on Dedication and Consecration. In this connection may be mentioned another series of illuminating Bible Readings by the Rev. Dr. A. J. Frost of the Northwestern Bible Training School,

Minneapolis, who visited the School in the early part of the session.

SPECIAL VISITORS.

During the year the students have been favored from time to time with visits and addresses from a number of missionaries and Christian leaders representing various aspects of the great cause of Christ throughout the world. A number of these may be mentioned. Two of our own graduates, Mr. Chas. Waddell, who has been laboring among the Soudan tribes on the Niger, and Mr. E. C. Austin, who has recently been appointed the first Canadian missionary to a newly opened mission field in Peru; Mr. D. E. Hoste, General Director of the China Inland Mission; Mr. Albert Head, Chairman of the Keswick Council of England, who represented also the South African General Mission; Mr. J. N. Farquhar, General Secretary of the Calcutta Y.M.C.A.; Dr. H. Grattan Guinness of the Regions Beyond Missionary Union; Rev. H. W. Pope of the Northfield Extension Movement; Rev. H. F. Laflamme of India; Rev. J. L. Murray of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions; Dr. H. Karl Kumm of the Soudan United Mission Rev. W. E. Hassard of the British and Foreign Bible Society; and Rev. H. R. Horne of the Upper Canada Tract and Book Society.

THE LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.

A considerable addition has been made to the Library. Through the kindness of Dr. Harris we have been enabled to purchase a large number of new and important books, especially Biblical and missionary works of reference. In addition to this we would gratefully acknowledge a valuable donation of books from Mr. J. D. Nasmith. There are now altogether 1,200 volumes in the Library.

During the Christmas vacation the Library was overhauled, a new catalogue was prepared, and the books were classified and arranged upon the shelves in sections marked in such a way as to guide the students in their use of them.

The reading room has been kept well supplied with current religious periodicals. We are again indebted for this to the liberality of Mrs. T. M. Harris. We desire also to thank the Presbyterian Board of S. S. Publications for their kindness in voluntarily sending one of their weekly papers for the regular use of the reading room.

EVANGELISTIC AND MISSIONARY WORK.

A word should be said about the practical work and spiritual life of the student body. The two departments of practical work carried on are represented by the Evangelistic Band and the Missionary Society. The Evangelistic Band has conducted Gospel meetings every week in one of the Missions of the city, besides assisting in many other services. This work has proved of great value as a training for the students themselves, and has been blessed in the conversion of many lives to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Missionary Society has been very active in fostering the missionary spirit and in furthering the systematic study of missions among the students. A public meeting, especially intended for reaching young people with the missionary appeal, was held under its auspices, and was accompanied with every mark of success and blessing. While all the students take an active interest in both the missionary and the evangelistic work, there are fifteen who are volunteers for foreign missions.

In order to unify the various parts of the life and work of the School, a representative Committee was appointed by the students at the beginning of the session to act with the Principal in all matters relating to the student body as a whole. This simple organization has proved satisfactory, and is intended to be continued from year to year.

A beautiful spirit of harmony and Christian fellowship has characterized the life of the School. Early in the session an unusually deep spirit of prayer manifested itself, the effect of which was continued throughout the year. The Tuesday morning devotional service continues to be a source of helpfulness to the spiritual life of the students. On the whole, the uninterrupted blessing

that has rested upon the life and work of the School throughout the year is cause for deep gratitude and thanksgiving to God.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN McNICOL.

Report of Rev. Dr. Stewart.

During this session of 1906-07, I have been enabled, without the loss of a single hour, to attend to my duties in the Bible Training School. It is with gratitude to God for His goodness that this record is made. My work has been the instruction of the Day Classes in Bible Doctrines, in the Life and Ministry of Paul, in Bible Readings, and in the interpretation of Difficult Passages in the New Testament. In the absence of Dr. Harris, I also gave to the Evening Classes four lectures on Methods of Bible Study. The conduct of the students has been exemplary, their interest in the studies has been marked and the progress made by them has been quite gratifying. It has been a great joy to me to gather with these earnest young Christians around the Word of God day by day, in honest, patient and prayerful study.

I have also had continuous duties to perform as Secretary of the School. First of all, there is the work incident to the annual meeting, and the meetings of the Board of Incorporation. Then there is a large correspondence required in reminding the friends of the School of its needs, and in seeking to secure new friends, who will have fellowship with us in providing for its maintenance. There are also not a few letters from former students at home and abroad which must receive, as indeed they deserve, kind and sympathetic answers. Then last of all, there are not only numerous requests for information about the School from intending students, but also for advice about Bible study and Bible difficulties, to all of which prompt replies must be sent. Indeed I have frequently considered of late whether the inauguration of some correspondence classes in important lines of Bible study might not prove a blessing. However that may be, it has been a delight to me in this service of Secretary during the past session to do what I can to make our Institution still more useful and successful.

Dr. Stewart's Health.

On the morning of the day after he wrote his short report of service for the past year, Dr. Stewart was seized with a light paralytic stroke, which affected his left side, and from which he has with the blessing of God been gradually recovering. He is now able to walk about with comfort, and attend to ordinary duties. While it would be unwise for him to assume the steady labors of past sessions, he yet hopes to continue his work as Secretary of the School, and render such other service as the Lord will. In the meantime the Board of Incorporation and a Committee of the General Council are making the best arrangements they can for the efficient instruction of all the classes of the School.

Encouraging Testimonies.

From the Rev. T. B. Hyde, who gave a much appreciated course of lectures last term, we have received the following note in regard to the work of the class:

"I enjoyed my evenings with the students, and their papers on the whole indicate that they got hold of the subject very well. Some of the papers are remarkably full, and obtained full marks."

We missed from the recent annual meeting of the Board and Council one of our first helpers in the work, the Rev. Dr. H. M. Parsons, who wrote as follows:

"I regret very much that on account of absence from the city I shall not be able to be present at your annual meeting. I regret also to miss the closing exercises of the School, which I always enjoy. I appreciate greatly the fine evidence always given of the thorough work done in the course of biblical study prescribed to your students."

The esteemed Congregational pastor at Frome, Ont., the Rev. W. H. L. Marshall, who is a graduate of the School, as is also his wife, in sending a recent donation, said in his letter:

"I am glad to know that the Bible Training School, to which Mrs. M. and myself owe a great deal, is getting along so well, and trust that it may continue to be blessed and used of God even in a greater measure. When one gets out into the world and comes in contact with so much 'advanced thought' and radical speculation, he feels profoundly grateful that he has had such a thorough training in the old orthodoxy as the School gives."

A Missionary Designation.

A farewell meeting to bid God-speed to Mr. E. C. Austin, on the eve of his departure for Peru, was held in the Guild Hall on Thursday evening, the 9th of May. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. K. Macdonald. The Rev. T. B. Hyde, Mr. Austin's pastor, delivered the parting address to the missionary, and the Rev. Dr. Harris offered the dedication prayer. Brief addresses were also given by the Rev. Dr. Gilray, and by the Rev. George Smith, the Secretary of the South American Branch of the Regions Beyond Missionary Union, under whose auspices Mr. Austin's work will be carried on. In a few appropriate words Mr. Austin told of the influences in his life which led him to become interested in foreign missions and especially in South America; and he spoke particularly of the very great blessing and value of the two years' course he had taken in the Bible Training School. He expected to sail from New York on the 25th of April.

Bible Doctrines.

REV. WM. STEWART, D.D.

1. Explain the call to Salvation and the call to Service.
2. Write a note on the Lordship of Christ.
3. Indicate fully the objects and influence of the Christian's hope.
4. Give the different forms of the "Great Commission," showing the order of thought.
5. State definitely the office and work of the Evangelist.
6. Point out some of the best methods of Soul-winning.
7. Give a definition of Death, and also a list of the phrases used in Scripture to explain it.
8. Explain the following terms used in the Revised Version: Sheol, Hades, Paradise, Gehenna, and "The Second Death."
9. State the contrast between the present and the Resurrection body.
10. Name five chief purposes of our Lord's Second Coming.

The Minor Prophets.

REV. J. MCNICOL, B.D.

1. Tell what you know of the prophets Amos, Micah, Zephaniah, Zechariah.
2. Give an outline of the Book of Hosea, and write a brief note explaining its main theme.
3. Show how Jonah is (1) a type of Israel and also (2) a type of Christ.
4. State the subject and the leading idea of each of the following prophecies: Joel, Nahum, Obadiah, Habakkuk, Haggai.
5. What facts in the life of Christ are foretold by the minor prophets?
6. Name the books from which the following quotations are taken, and state how they are used in the New Testament:
   (1) "I desire mercy and not sacrifice."
   (2) "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh."
   (3) "The just shall live by his faith."
   (4) "Behold I send my messenger and he shall prepare the way before me."

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer, Mr. Shenstone, presented the following statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the year ending April 26th, 1907:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand	$107 72	
Gifts	3,480 75	
Incidental Fees	126 69	
Special	280 00	
Collections	90 01	
		$4,385 17

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Principal, Instructors and Ass't Secy	$3,114 32	
" Ground Rent	280 00	
" Caretaker	188 00	
" Coal	327 00	
" Light and Water	67 22	
" Telephone	45 00	
" Printing Catalogue, RECORDERS, etc., and Advertising	97 25	
" Postage	37 18	
" Taxes	58 70	
" Repairs	8 55	
" Sundries	25 96	
" Photographs	50 00	
		$4,299 18
Balance on hand		$85 99

The Report was received with expressions of satisfaction and gratitude, and the best thanks of the Council and Board were given to Mr. Shenstone for his faithful and efficient services.

Day Classes.

The following is a list of Students enrolled in the Day Classes for the Session 1906-07:

Mrs. Ainslie, Toronto.
Miss J. S. Anderson, Toronto.
Mr. W. J. Bertram, Toronto.
Mr. W. A. Best, Collingwood.
Miss M. R. Boyer, Berlin.
Mr. Henry Bregman, Toronto.
Miss K. Builder, Toronto.
Miss N. Camp, Lambton Mills.
Mr. A. D. Carpenter, Abbott's Corners, Que.
Mr. J. A. Clarke, Woodstock.
Mr. J. R. Cober, Hespeler.
Miss J. Dale, Toronto.
Mr. W. Digby, Toronto.
Miss C. Domm, Alsfeldt.
Mr. A. Duff, Toronto.
Miss H. E. M. Fenstad, Boston, Mass.
Mr. W. Forgie, Toronto.
Miss M. Halpenny, Dromore.
Miss S. Haslett, Belfast, Ireland.
Mr. J. C. Hobson, Guelph.
Miss N. Houlding, Mount Pleasant.
Miss N. E. Houser, Buffalo, N.Y.
Miss H. Huggett, Victoria, B.C.
Miss A. Jack, Toronto.
Miss L. Jackes, Toronto.
Miss E. Jaeger, Germany.
Mr. R. E. Jones, Toronto.
Mr. J. Kent, Toronto.
Mrs. Kerr, Toronto.
Miss M. G. Lesslie, Toronto.
Miss M. Lewis, Toronto.
Mr. J. L. Lister, Toronto.
Mr. P. B. Loney, Toronto.
Mrs. Longley, Toronto.
Mr. M. Love, Toronto.
Miss Marconi, Toronto.
Mr. MaWou, China.
Miss M. B. McCormack, Arthur, Ont.
Miss N. McFarland, Midland.
Mrs. McNicol, Toronto.
Miss M. North, Toronto.
Rev. G. Orman, Sussex, N.B.
Mr. W. Pitts, Tavistock.
Miss J. A. Plaunt, Eastview.
Mr. R. Porter, Glasgow, Scotland.
Mr. I. J. Ransom, Abilene, Kansas.
Miss F. J. Ray, Toronto.
Miss M. A. E. Rogers, Toronto.
Mr. S. C. Rutledge, Hull.
Miss L. Seigrist, Shallow Lake.
Miss L. Sharpe, Guelph.
Miss M. Slade, Toronto.
Mr. F. X. Stanley, Toronto.
Mr. I. Sternall, Chippewa Hill.
Mr. R. Sternall, Chippewa Hill.
Mr. J. McK. Stinson, Toronto.
Mrs. Sullivan, Toronto.
Mr. G. Tester, Mount Forest.
Mr. H. L. Troyer, Toronto.
Miss E. M. Tyler, Toronto.
Mr. J. R. Walker, Hamilton.
Mr. J. C. Wallis, Port Carling.
Miss M. E. Wallis, Port Carling.
Miss I. Weaver, Toronto.
Mr. J. West, Toronto.
Mr. C. Wright, Toronto.

Evening Classes.

The following is a list of Students in the Evening Classes, who have passed one or more of the written examinations of the session. The total enrolment of all the Evening Students was 240:

Miss I. Allan.
Miss E. Bachaly.
Mr. A. E. Biggar.
Miss M. Billing.
Miss G. Bunt.
Miss M. O. Burleigh.
Mr. J. Cameron.
Miss A. Carmichael.
Miss M. Carter.
Mr. R. H. Clark.
Miss E. Collins.
Miss E. O. Cutler.
Mr. C. S. Dale.
Mr. W. Digby.
Miss M. Duffus.
Miss A. Elliott.
Mr. G. M. Fairfield.
Mr. C. Fleming.
Miss L. Gardiner.
Miss C. Gay.
Mr. F. C. Gerred.
Miss S. Goldring.
Miss E. M. Gray.
Miss H. Gregory.
Mr. J. H. Hall.
Mr. F. Hancock.
Miss M. Hewetson.
Mr. A. Hughes.
Miss E. B. Hutchison.
Miss M. Hutty.
Miss L. W. Imrie.
Miss M. Jennings.
Miss E. Kramer.
Miss J. Longhurst.
Miss T. McQuarrie.
Miss H. Newsome.
Miss G. Patterson.
Mr. H. S. Patton.
Miss E. Peacock.
Miss I. Pearce.
Miss K. Phyllis.
Mr. W. Poynts.
Mr. W. G. Price.
Miss M. Robertson.
Mr. D. Romilly.
Miss F. Seabrook.
Miss E. St. John.
Miss J. Sharpe.
Mr. A. E. Shepard.
Miss T. G. Sleep.
Miss G. Smith.
Miss E. E. Sprague.
Mr. C. W. Taylor.
Miss M. Taylor.
Miss M. Toms.
Mr. C. Walker.
Miss L. Watson.
Miss A. J. Watson.
Mr. F. Westlake.
Miss. M. E. Whiteford
Miss H. Williams.
Mr. E. J. Wood.

Notes.

Mr. George Tester has gone to England, and has offered his services to the Friends' Foreign Missionary Society.

The students who are remaining in the city during the summer months are holding a prayer meeting in the School every Tuesday evening.

Three students are engaged in work in Home Mission fields. Mr. A. D. Carpenter is at Mansonville, Que.; Mr. Wm. Digby at Belle Ewart, Ont.; and Mr. J. C. Hobson at North Hatley, Que.

Two of our students are engaged in colportage work during the vacation. Mr. R. E. Jones is laboring under the Upper Canada Bible Society, and Mr. Reuben Sternall under the Upper Canada Tract and Book Society.

The next session of the Toronto Bible Training School will open (D.V.) on Tuesday, Sept. 17th, at 10 a.m. It is very important that all students, especially those entering the School for the first time, should be present at the beginning of the session.

The valedictory address given by Miss Ray at the closing meeting of the session has been put in printed form for distribution. This has been done at the request of many friends who appreciated its value as a representation of the atmosphere of the life of the School, and as a testimony to the influence which the School exerts upon its students.

The students of the Bible Training School take an active and practical interest in both Home and Foreign Missions. The amount of $34.10 was contributed during the past session as a missionary offering from the School. This was divided between the King St. Mission in Toronto, with which the Evangelistic Band was closely associated during the winter, and the work in Peru, under the Regions Beyond Missionary Union, which is being undertaken by Mr. E. C. Austin.

Receipts for General Fund.

The following are the amounts received from Feb. 15th to April 19th, 1907:

No. 120	$25 00	No. 145	$15 00
" 121	3 00	" 146	10 00
" 122	10 00	" 147	5 00
" 123	5 00	" 148	5 00
" 124	1 00	" 149	2 00
" 125	3 00	" 150	25 00
" 126	10 00	" 151	25 00
" 127	5 00	" 152	2 00
" 128	75 00	" 153	4 00
" 129	10 00	" 154	25 00
" 130	5 00	" 155	2 00
" 131	2 00	" 156	10 00
" 132	3 00	" 157	5 00
" 133	5 00	" 158	25 00
" 134	250 00	" 159	100 00
" 135	25 00	" 160	5 00
" 136	2 00	" 161	2 00
" 137	5 00	" 162	5 00
" 138	2 00	" 163	50 00
" 139	5 00	" 164	2 00
" 140	5 00	" 165	2 00
" 141	25 00	" 166	2 00
" 142	250 00	" 167	10 00
" 143	20 00	" 168	100 00
" 144	50 00	" 169	40 00

Total.... $1279 00
Previously acknowledged..... 2,201 75

Total for the year..... $3,480 75

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